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Note verbale dated 22 January 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and has the honour to refer to the latter's note requesting updated information on the implementation of resolution 1540.

The Permanent Mission of Belize is pleased to report on developments relevant to the implementation of resolution 1540 at the country level. In particular, since Belize's report of 10 August 2005 (S/AC.44/2004/(02)/7/Add.1):

- Belize acceded to the statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency on 31 March 2006.
- Belize has undertaken treaty action in respect of 9 of the 16 international conventions/protocols on counter-terrorism.
- A Civil Aviation Security Act has been passed which gives effect to the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft (1963), the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (1970), the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation (1971), the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages (1979), the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation (1988), the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purposes of Detection (1991) and the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (1997).
- The Chemical Weapons (Prohibitions) Act has been enacted. Pursuant to the Act, the Chemical Weapons Convention Office has been constituted within the Ministry of Defence and designated as the national authority of Belize to serve as the focal point for effective liaison with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

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The Permanent Mission of Belize is further pleased to supplement information compiled in the matrix* appended to your letter and confirms its agreement to the posting of the revised matrix on the Committee's website.

* The matrix mentioned in the present report was transmitted to the Secretariat and is available for consultation.